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1. Between Mukden and Peiping or Tientsin, there are no travel controls, and special documents are not necessary. Several trains a day from Mukden to Peiping charge 28,000 Northeast People's Currency (NEPC)* for first class accommodations.
2. In order to leave Tientsin by sea, however, a traveler must submit to several controls. The first requirement is a residential census certificate which indicates permission to live in a given area. Applicants secure a shop guarantee from their local block chairman, are then investigated by the police, and if passed, are registered as residents of the district. Individuals who are considered unsatisfactory are called before the police for further questioning.
3. Persons in possession of a residence certificate may apply to the police for a travel permit. After submitting two shop guarantees and a statement of the purpose of the journey, the applicant must be checked and approved by the police. A second check is made after three days, when the applicant must bring in two photographs of himself and undergo police questioning on the reasons for his trip. Persons who pass the second investigation receive travel permits; applicants who arouse suspicion are held for further interrogation. Although bribes or gifts are officially discouraged, it is still necessary to offer money to the police, and even then permits are often delayed.
4. After the travel permit has been secured, the traveler can obtain a vaccination certificate from the government quarantine hospital and is then allowed to ask for a ticket from the shipping company and to purchase from the government bank US \$20 or HK \$120 with NEPC. He is allowed to take with him only this amount of money, but in addition he may carry gold ornaments amounting to two taels.
5. On the day before sailing, all passengers must assemble at the dock with their documents and luggage, for inspection by the military, police, customs, and special services authorities. Those who pass inspection, which is very thorough, are sent aboard ship and not permitted to land again.

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